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1 — DHH responds to brain-eating amoeba found in North Monroe Water System, KNOE, 9/3/2015

<http://www.knoe.com/home/headlines/DHH-responds-to-brain-eating-am-324034351.html>

There was standing room only in Sterlington High School's cafeteria as concerned residents gathered to ask questions about the brain-eating amoeba that was found in the North Monroe Water System. The North Monroe Water System actually serves more than 8,000 residents in the Sterlington area.

2 — EPA Moves to Limit Methane Emissions, Heartlander, 9/4/2015

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2015/09/04/epa-moves-limit-methane-emissions>

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) unveiled its proposed regulations intended to slash methane emissions from oil and gas production by almost half. The proposal is part of the Obama administration's ongoing efforts to curb global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

3 – Emergency bill seeks funding for long-term study of mine spill, Albq Journal, 9/3/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/638555/news-around-the-region/emergency-bill-seeks-funding-for-long-term-study-of-mine-spill.html>

An emergency measure that requests funding for long-term impact studies of the Gold King Mine spill has been introduced to the Navajo Nation Council. Delegate Dwight Witherspoon introduced the bill during the council's special session Wednesday

4 — Victoria family to host mesothelioma research 5K, Victoria Advocate, 9/3/15

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2015/sep/03/victoria-family-to-host-mesothelioma-research-5k/>

When Sherrie Aikman lost her husband to mesothelioma last year, she had a choice to make:

Either hold on to the past or give back to the future. With the help of her daughter, Nicole Turner, 43, Aikman is gearing up to host the state's first mesothelioma charity run to raise funds for research in hopes of finding a cure for what doctors consider to be one of the most aggressive and rare forms of incurable cancer.

5 — The EPA’s Water Woes, Wall Street Journal, 9/3/2015

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-epas-water-woes-1441322262>

It's been a bad few weeks for the Environmental Protection Agency's relationship to water. First came the Colorado mine leak and toxic deluge, and now a federal judge has blasted its new Clean Water Rule as unscientific. Details continue to trickle out about the EPA miscalculations that led to last month's Colorado mine blowout, which spewed three million gallons of toxic waste into waterways from New Mexico to Utah.

6 — Danger to Animas River short-lived, Durango Herald, 9/3/2015

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20150903/NEWS01/150909844/Danger-to-Animas-River-short-lived->

An independent study of water quality in the Animas River after the Gold King Mine spill shows major human health concerns were short-lived, though slight spikes in pollution might occur with runoff. Mountain Studies Institute, a nonprofit scientific research organization with an office in Durango, found a spike in metals as the orange plume passed through Durango on Aug. 6.

7 — Water, water everywhere, which one should I drink?, Victoria Advocate, 9/3/2015

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2015/sep/03/water-water-everywhere-which-one-should-i-drink/>

I know I should drink more water, and I do try, but I am so confused. Some say do not drink tap water because it is loaded with fluoride and chlorine. Others say do not drink water bottled in plastic. Is filtered water better? Is pH water better? And what is black water? Thanks for your clarification.

8 – Navajo delegate weighs study of spill impact, Albuq Journal, 9/4/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/639158/news/navajo-delegate-eyes-study-of-spill-impact.html>

An emergency measure that requests \$1 million for long-term impact studies of the Gold King Mine spill has been introduced to the Navajo Nation Council. Delegate Dwight Witherspoon introduced the bill during the council's special session that began Wednesday.

9 — EPA waste official, contractor head to testify at mine spill hearing, The Hill, 9/3/2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/252684-epa-waste-official-contractor-head-to-testify-at-mine-spill-hearing>

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) waste division is among those called on to testify on an August mine spill in Colorado when Congress returns to work next week. Mathy Stanislaus, the assistant administrator of Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response at the EPA, and the president of an EPA contractor are scheduled to appear before the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology next Wednesday.

10 — NM business groups sue EPA over water protections, Abq Journal, 9/3/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/638796/biz/biz-most-recent/nm-business-groups-sue-epa-over-water-protections.html>

New Mexico business groups are joining an effort to block the Environmental Protection Agency from implementing a new rule intended to protect small streams, tributaries and wetlands. The EPA says the rule, which took effect last week, will safeguard drinking water for millions of Americans.

11 — Animation shows worst-case view of Earth if all ice melts, Times Picayune, 9/4/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/animation_shows_worst-case_vie.html#incart_river

If all the ice on Earth melted because of global warming, New Orleans would be under water and Louisiana's southern shoreline would be north of Lake Pontchartrain, with a bay extending along the present path of the Mississippi River from the Gulf of Mexico to Missouri, according to an animated map published by Business Insider.

12 — As Oklahoma Officials Resist, Utilities On Path to Comply With Federal Emission

Cuts, NPR, 9/3/2015 <https://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/09/03/as-oklahoma-officials-resist-utilities-on-path-to-comply-with-pollution-cuts/>

Oklahoma officials are fighting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over the Obama's administration's new Clean Power Plan, the federal government's push to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. But Oklahoma's largest electric utilities have a big head start cutting back on coal, and are already on their way to compliance.